Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. **(Canceled)**

2. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 23, wherein the aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition in at least 50% by weight, relative in each case to the sum of the components (A) and (B).

3. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the aluminium compound is aluminium tris(methyl-aceto acetate) and/or aluminium tris(ethyl-aceto acetate).

4. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein X may be different for each n and stands for a substituted or unsubstituted saturated C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbon.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 4, wherein the glycol ether compound is dipropylene glycol-mono-n-butyl ether and/or diethylene glycol-mono-n-butyl ether.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the composition additionally contains polyester or poly-acrylic acid ester compounds.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the compound additionally contains colour-giving additives selected from the group consisting of

carbon black, inorganic pigments, organic pigments, soluble organic dyes and mixtures thereof.

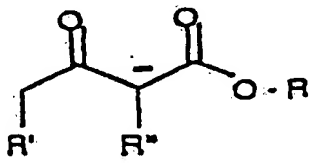
8-14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 4, wherein said substituted or unsubstituted saturated hydrocarbon contains 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 4, wherein n is from 2 to 4.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition in at least 75% by weight.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A method for the manufacture of a mixture comprising a glycol ether compound and an aluminium compound with at least one ligand per aluminium atom having the following structure:



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wherein R is a C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, R′ and R″, independent of one another, stand for H and/or one C_1 to C_4 hydrocarbon residue comprising reacting a C_1 to C_{12} aluminium alcoholate with a 3-oxo-carbonic acid ester compound at a temperature of above 140°C in the presence of a glycol ether compound.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18, wherein the temperature is above 160°C.

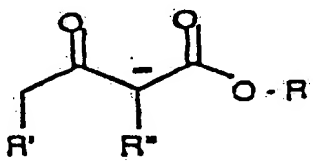
20. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18 wherein the temperature is above 140 °C for 1 to 10 hours during or after conversion.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 20 wherein the temperature is above 140°C for 4 to 8 hours.

22. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An aluminum compound~~ A mixture produced by any one of claims 18-21.

23. **(Previously Presented)** A composition comprising:

(A) one or more aluminium compounds with three ligands per aluminium atom of the following kind:



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wherein:

R is a C_1- to C_{12}- hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, and

R′ and R″, independent of one another, are selected from the group consisting of H, one C_1- to C_4- hydrocarbon residue and mixtures thereof, and

(B) at least one glycol ether compound of the following structure:

$$R'''\text{-}O\text{-}(X\text{-}O)_n\text{-}H$$

wherein:

R''' is a C_1- to C_{18}- hydrocarbon residue,

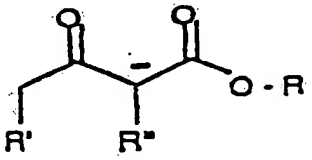
n is an integer of 1 to 10, and

X is a saturated substituted or unsubstituted C_1- to C_6- hydrocarbon, which may be linked at any carbon atom and may be different for each n, and

the glycol ether compound (B) is contained in the composition in at least 5% by weight, relative to the sum of the components (A) and (B) in the composition.

24. **(Previously Presented)** A composition comprising:

(A) one or more aluminum compounds with three ligands per aluminum atom of the following kind:



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wherein:

R is a C_1- to C_{12}- hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, and

R′ and R″, independent of one another, are selected from the group consisting of H, one C_1- to C_4- hydrocarbon residue and mixtures thereof, and

(B) at least one glycol ether compound of the following structure:

$$R'''-O-(X-O)_n-H$$

wherein:

R''' is a C_1- to C_{18}- hydrocarbon residue,

n is an integer of 2 to 8, and

X is a saturated substituted or unsubstituted C_1- to C_6- hydrocarbon, which may be linked at any carbon atom and may be different for each n, and

the glycol ether compound (B) is contained in the composition in at least 5% by weight, relative to

the sum of the components (A) and (B) in the composition.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The composition of any one of claims 23 or 24 wherein X contains at least one oxygen linkage.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 25 wherein said oxygen linkage is selected from the group consisting of =O, −OH, −OR''' and mixtures thereof.